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For: CUTTING UNIT FOR CUTTING CONTINUOUS CIGARETTE RODS

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111

Sir:

Applicants submit this Response to Office Action in response to an Office Action (nonfinal) dated February 1, 2011. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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